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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 2830-0188PUS1  U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">10/523692</div>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2003/09856	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 4 August 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 5 August 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION      INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE VARIABLE COMPRESSION RATIO SYSTEM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US      Makoto HIRANO		

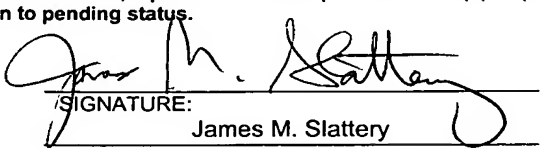
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
  - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information: PCT/ISA/210 & Twenty-two (22) sheets of Formal Drawings

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21. The following fees are submitted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee ..... \$300.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee ..... \$200.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee ..... \$500.00  <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = \$1000.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof. <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Total Sheets</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Extra sheets</th> <th style="width: 35%;">Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)</th> <th style="width: 35%;">RATE</th> </tr> <tr> <td>49 - 100 =</td> <td>/50 =</td> <td></td> <td>x \$250.00</td> </tr> </table>				Total Sheets	Extra sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE	49 - 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00	Applicant Use	Office Use Only
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,130.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</b> SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;">             SIGNATURE: _____            James M. Slattery            NAME            _____            28,380            REGISTRATION NUMBER         </div> <div style="margin-top: 20px;">           CUSTOMER NUMBER: 02292            February 3, 2005            /smt         </div>													